

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: STENTED END GRAFT VESSEL)	
DEVICE FOR ANASTOMOSIS AND)	
RELATED METHODS FOR)	
PERCUTANEOUS PLACEMENT)	
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Examiner: Darwin P. Erez)	
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Confirmation No. 8062)	
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Customer No.: 32642)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2008 in which the Examiner advised that claims 1, 4, 7, 8 and 26-39 are subject to an election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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